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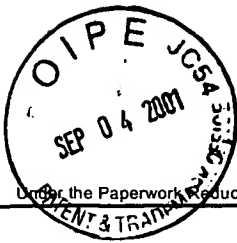
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Application No./Patent No.: 08/970,312 Filed/Issue Date: 11/14/97  
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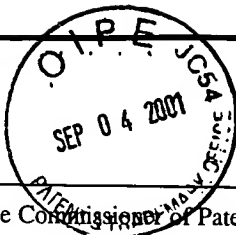
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